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SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any scheme to run special residential schools for disabled children;

(b) If so, the details thereof and ;

(c) The category of disabled children eligible for availing such facility and types of facilities available for such children in the said schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (formerly known as Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities) eligible and capable voluntary organizations are given grant-in-aid to run various projects including special schools for disabled children. The details of this scheme are available on the website of the Ministry- www.socialjustice.nic.in.

(c)The special schools are meant for Mentally Challenged children, Hearing and Speech Impaired children and Visually Impaired children. While the existing special schools for Orthopaedically Handicapped children supported under the scheme are given continued support, no new special school for this category of children is being sanctioned, as there is no special education requirement for this category of disabled children. Facilities like special education, speech therapy, physiotherapy, language and communication skills, vocational skill development training, etc. and other facilities like medical care, hostel maintenance for residential children, transport allowance and stipend for non-residential children, are available for the disabled children in the special schools.